

Covered by the Blood

Sunday Recap Guide

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Encouragement

Check in with everyone.

Take some time to go around the group and share:

- How is everyone doing this week—really?
- What was one high point from your week?
- What was one low point or challenge?
- Where did you see God working in your life recently?
- Is there anything you need prayer for as you head into this week?

Icebreaker:

Have you ever had someone show you unexpected grace or mercy? What did that experience mean to you?

Scripture

Sin Exposes... Grace Covers

Read **Genesis 9:18-23** together.

After the flood, Noah became drunk and was uncovered inside his tent. Ham saw his father's nakedness and exposed him to his brothers, while Shem and Japheth chose to walk backward and cover their father.

Pastor Jason highlighted the contrast between **exposing** and **covering**. The story reminds us that how we respond when someone is struggling or has fallen matters.

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the different ways Ham, Shem, and Japheth responded to Noah?
 2. Why do you think people can be so quick to expose, gossip about, or point out the failures of others?
 3. Read **Proverbs 20:19**. Why is gossip so destructive to relationships and community?
 4. Read **Galatians 6:1**. What does it look like to "restore" someone who has fallen into sin rather than shame or condemn them?
 5. Pastor Jason said, "**As Christians, the goal isn't to catch people in sin... the goal is to help bring them out of it.**" How does this change the way we should respond when someone we know is struggling?
 6. Read **1 Peter 4:8**. What does it mean that "love will cover a multitude of sins"? How is biblical love different from ignoring or excusing sin?
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Read **Romans 3:23-25** and **Romans 4:7**.

Pastor Jason made an important distinction between **mercy** and **grace**:

- **Mercy** is when God doesn't give us what we deserve.
- **Grace** is when God gives us what we don't deserve.

We all fall short. Yet, through Jesus, God offers forgiveness and makes us right with Him.

When we sin, our first instinct can be to "sew" something together to cover ourselves—just like Adam and Eve tried to cover their nakedness. We may hide, minimize, blame, pretend, or try to fix ourselves.

But Jesus did something far greater.

Jesus didn't just cover our sin—Jesus removed it.

Read these Scriptures together:

- **Hebrews 10:4** — The blood of animals could not ultimately take away sin.
- **John 1:29** — Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- **Ephesians 1:7** — Through His blood, we have redemption and forgiveness.
- **1 John 1:7** — The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.
- **Romans 5:9** — We are justified by His blood.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between trying to **cover our own sin** and allowing Jesus to deal with our sin?

2. Why do you think shame often makes us want to hide our sin rather than bring it into the light?
3. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus doesn't just cover your sin but **removes it**?
4. Read **1 John 1:7**. What does "walking in the light" look like in everyday life?
5. Is there an area of your life where you have been tempted to hide, pretend, or manage your sin instead of bringing it to Jesus?
6. How should the fact that **Jesus has covered us with His blood** affect the way we treat people who have fallen short?

Key Takeaway

Because Jesus has covered our sin with His blood, we don't have to live in shame—and because we've received His grace, we should extend grace to others.

Prayer

Take time to pray together.

Pray for Our Hearts

- Ask God to reveal any areas where we are hiding sin, shame, or guilt.
- Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and the forgiveness we have through His blood.
- Ask God to help us walk in the light with honesty and humility.

Pray for Our Relationships

- Ask God to help us resist gossip and the temptation to expose others.
- Pray for wisdom to know how to lovingly confront and restore someone who is struggling.
- Ask God to give us a spirit of gentleness when helping others.

Pray for Those Who Feel Shame

- Pray for people who feel defined by their past mistakes.
- Ask God to remind them that their sin does not have the final word—Jesus does.
- Pray that they would experience the freedom, forgiveness, and cleansing found in Christ.

Group Prayer

Have each person complete this sentence:

"Jesus, thank You for covering me when ____."

Invite anyone who is comfortable to share, then pray together, thanking God for His mercy, grace, forgiveness, and the power of Jesus' blood.

Next Steps

1. Walk in the Light

Identify one thing you've been hiding, avoiding, or trying to manage on your own. Bring it honestly before God this week.

Ask yourself:

Am I hiding this from God and others, or am I allowing Jesus to bring freedom and healing?

2. Stop the Exposure

Before sharing something negative about someone else, pause and ask:

"Am I helping restore this person, or am I simply exposing them?"

Choose to be someone who protects, prays, and restores rather than gossips.

3. Extend the Grace You've Received

Think of one person who has disappointed you, hurt you, or fallen short. Ask God to help you respond to them with the same grace and mercy He has extended to you.

4. Encourage Someone Who Is Struggling

Reach out to someone this week who may be walking through a difficult season. Instead of pointing out their failures, remind them that they are not beyond God's grace.

5. Remember the Gospel

When shame or condemnation comes, remind yourself:

I have sinned, but my sin is not greater than Jesus' sacrifice.

I have fallen short, but Jesus has made a way for me to be forgiven.

I don't have to hide because I am covered by the blood of Jesus.

This Week's Challenge

Be a person who covers, not exposes.

Be a person who restores, not condemns.

Be a person who extends the grace you've received.

Because Jesus didn't just cover our sin—He removed it.